

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

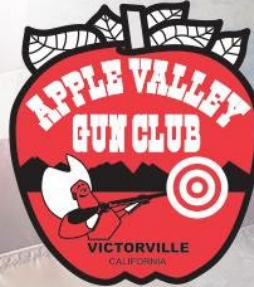
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PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

First of all, I would like to thank every member of Apple Valley Gun Club for having the faith in me and electing me as your President. I take the responsibility you have charged me with very seriously. I would like to thank the Board of Directors and especially the President Emeritus, Jenaraye Graham, for the leadership and guidance provided this year.

As we are entering into renewals and elections, I ask that you take your responsibility just as seriously. You are charged with electing a board of directors that will serve the members of Apple Valley Gun Club well. The Board of Directors makes decisions for the membership and their best interests. As you are aware, AVGC is unequalled by any other gun club. We have the best facilities, the best programs, excellent matches, and outstanding instructors. Above all, we have the best membership. To continue this level of excellence, we had to increase some of our fees. I know no one likes to pay more, however if we want to remain the premier facility, we had to increase some fees.

As you know, I have asked, "Have we made Apple Valley Gun Club better than we found it?" I think that we have made great steps in that direction, and the difference is in your efforts. Next year Deborah Harris will be your President; I ask you that you give her the respect she deserves.

I hope to see each one of you at the annual Banquet on February 17th. Get your tickets while they last. Last year we had a casino night, and it was such a success that we are going to do it again.

Thank you,
Tim Neubauer
President

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT'S STATEMENT

Well, folks, this is my last newsletter contribution as Vice-President. Elections are coming up for my replacement and a few other board members. Please take the time to read their candidate statements in this newsletter and do take the time to vote when you get your renewal packet.

Winter is almost here; time to replace your ballcap with a nice warm knit beanie. AVGC has a great selection for sale in the Adobe Clubhouse. Check it out. Typically, this time of year we end up with lots of jackets and other layer clothing in the lost and found. If you think you left something behind, check the lost and found box in the Adobe. Items are only kept for a couple months before being donated or thrown away. If you lose something really valuable (we've had scopes, binoculars, ammo, etc.) we store it safely in the secretary's office. Email the secretary, membership liaison, or myself to claim.

Our classes are winding down for the holidays, but our regular monthly programs are ongoing. If you haven't already, check some of them out. SWAG (Strong Women and Guns) is designed to help women develop competition shooting skills. You do not have to be a highly skilled shooter to join in. You should, however, be comfortable with using your firearm. Holsters and other necessary equipment are available to borrow. SWAG meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm on the pistol range.

For those of you just beginning to acquire that comfort level, we have the Novice Shooter program. This is for beginning shooters who want to practice with skilled instructors on hand to correct problems and answer questions. Novice Shooter meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm on the pistol range. You must sign up for either of these on Eventbrite. See the club calendar for links.

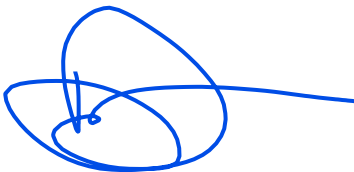
As always, have fun and practice skills with all the different club matches held every Saturday and Sunday morning. Check out the club website for times, days, and descriptions. I will be there, demonstrating that you don't need to be a highly skilled shooter to hold office at AVGC!

Debbie Harris
Vice-President

SECRETARY'S ELECTION CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, as the Secretary of the Apple Valley Gun Club, that the above nominees are members in good standing and eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors.

Dated: 11/27/23



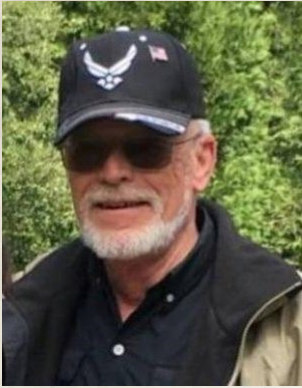
Dina McKinney, Secretary

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINEES:

Tracey Graham-Vice President/President Elect Nominee



I was first introduced to the Apple Valley Gun Club in 1982 while I was stationed at George Air Force Base. The Club and our range facilities have changed dramatically since those days, and I'm proud of my involvement in helping to make those changes happen.

I'm an NRA Certified Instructor for Rifle, Shotgun, and all the Pistol classes, as well as a USCCA certified Instructor, and am one of the Club's Lead Instructors. I'm an NRA Rifle and Pistol Coach for Junior programs, and I hold an Instructor Credential from the Utah Department of Public

Safety as a Concealed Firearms Instructor.

Over the years, I've served on the Board of Directors and as Vice President and President of the Club. I've been a Range Chair for the Pistol Range, and I'm currently the Director of our CCW Renewal program for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. The CCW program brings in roughly \$2,000 a month to the Club's coffers, allowing us to continue to make improvements to our facilities. Along with Tim Smith, we developed a CCW Prep class to assist our neighbors in obtaining their CCW permit. That's been a monthly class for almost seven years now, and one of my favorite classes to teach. I serve on the Club's Finance Committee and assist the Treasurer and the Board of Directors in prioritizing Club expenditures, and I am Co-Director of our NRA Women on Target Program and our Women's Programs.

I would love to continue to share my knowledge and experience, and I would be honored to have your vote to serve as our next Vice President/President Elect.

-Tracey Graham

Jason Myskow: Vice President/President-Elect Nominee



Hello, my name is Jason Myskow, and I am honored to accept the nomination for Vice President/President Elect. Since I was old enough to walk, I have been shooting rifles and hunting with my father. Those experiences with him led me to become a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club 13 years ago. During this time, I have been an extremely active member in most aspects of the club. I have been the Rifle Range Chair for the past 4 years and take great pride in maintaining the rifle range. During my time as Rifle Chair, I have had all the steel targets upgraded to swinging AR-15 steel and added multiple targets at further distances. I also ensured all safety lights and buzzers were upgraded.

I am one of the club's Lead NRA Instructors with credentials in Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle, Basic Shotgun, Home Safety, Refuse To Be A Victim, Personal Protection both Inside and Outside the Home, and NRA CCW. I am also a USCCA Instructor with credentials in Concealed Carry & Home Defense Fundamentals and Women's Handgun & Self Defense Fundamentals. I volunteer for the Sheriff CCW Requalification Program. I have volunteered for Women on Target, Women's Pistol Clinic, and Community on Target. I shoot in a majority of the different competitive matches that the club offers. The most important position I hold in the club is being on the Safety Committee and a Chief Range Safety Officer.

If elected as your new Vice President/President Elect, my top goal would be continued safety and training for all members. Further, I promise to focus on fairness and transparency in every way so that all of you are aware of what's happening within the club and have your voice heard. I consistently attend all Board Meetings, Membership Meetings, and Safety Meetings, therefore am very familiar with our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. With your vote, I will work to maintain a member focused, safe place to shoot. Thank you for your time and trust.

-Jason Myskow

2-YEAR DIRECTOR NOMINEES (YOU PICK TWO):

Jenaraye Graham: 2-year Director Nominee



Hello, I'm Jenaraye Graham, your 2023 President Emeritus. I am honored to accept the nomination for a two-year Board position. I have served as a board member for you in past years as well as your club Vice President/President Elect. I'm your current Training Coordinator and a Senior Lead Instructor/Mentor for the club's NRA classes. My past and current volunteer duties are managing our Clubs Calendar, our Eventbrite web content and schedule, our ticket sales and interactions with attendees. I'm also in charge of coordinating classes, instructors, team teaching and assisting our amazing training team. I'm a certified Chief Range Safety Officer, and NRA Instructor for all our NRA's courses, a Certified Level 1 Pistol and Rifle Coach and an instructor for the state of Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification CCW Multi-State department.

As a senior lead instructor, I teach NRA classes as well as mentor current instructors, newer instructors and help to bring on board new upcoming instructors. I'm the director of the clubs NRA Women on Target program and the director of the clubs monthly Friday night Women's Program. I'm the director of our Community On Target/NRA Day program as well as our Coed pistol night program and the co-director of our monthly CCW-Prep course. I'm also one of the many monthly volunteers for our San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department CCW requalification program and I'm a member of the High Desert Republican Women Federated.

Serving on the board is one of the many ways I enjoy volunteering for the Apple Valley Gun Club. The camaraderie, the friendships and the fun times while doing so are amazing. The goal of doing what's best for the members is rewarding. Over the past several years during my volunteer duties I've seen the club grow, I've enjoyed the improvements many of us have helped to make to the grounds and to the individual ranges. The goal is to continue to strengthen our ability to work together as a team for the good of all the members and continue to improve and remain the safest place to enjoy various marksmanship sports. The pleasure of meeting new volunteers and members and widening our circle of friendships and increasing our willingness to support one another and come together undivided as a club is why I stay involved and enjoy participating as a volunteer in the many ways the Apple Valley Gun Club has to offer.

Thank you for your consideration and as always, I look forward to seeing you on the range. -Jenaraye Graham

Allen Rutledge: 2-Year Director Nominee



I am Allen Rutledge, and I am running for reelection to a two-year director position on the AVGC Board of Directors. I have been a resident of Apple Valley from 1990-2002 and from 2010 to the present. I have been a member of AVGC during that 25-year period. I have been shooting since I earned my Rifle and Shotgun merit badge at age 13. I am a Benefactor Life member of the NRA, a life member of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, a Charter Life member of IDPA and a life member of SASS. I am an NRA certified RSO, Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle, Basic Shotgun and CCW instructor. I am a member of the National Field Archery Association and California Bowhunters/California Archery Association and a USA Archery certified level 2 Instructor/Trainer.

I have a wealth of experience in management having been a member and chair of multiple hospital committees including Performance Improvement, Credentials, Interventional/Surgery and Medical Executive committees. I have been the Chief of the Medical Staff at two hospitals and President of the Merced/Mariposa County Medical Association. I served on the Apple Valley Police Advisory committee, the Merced County Emergency Services committee and as Chair of the Merced Municipal Airport Authority.

I worked as a General and Trauma surgeon for 27 years. I am currently the Medical Asset Support Team physician for the Western Region of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In that role, I am a sworn Federal Law Enforcement Officer and provide physician services to 19 Federal Prison facilities. I teach Emergency Medical Response and Tactical Combat Casualty Care courses for the Bureau of Prisons at the Management and Staff Training Center. I serve on the Education Committee and the Fellowship committee for the American College of Correctional Physicians.

I am currently a 2-year director on the AVGC Board of Directors. I have been the Range Chair for the trap range. I have served as an RSO and coach at Women on Target and RSO at Community on Target, range specific training and San Bernardino County Sheriffs CCW qualification events. I serve as an instructor for open archery events. I would like to continue to serve on the Apple Valley Gun Club Board of Directors and I would appreciate your vote. Thank you for your consideration.

-Allen Rutledge

Bill Stephens: 2-Year Director Nominee



My Name is Bill Stephens. I have been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club since 2018. I regularly shoot at the range with friends and have competed in 3-Gun for the past 9 years, and various other matches. I am an NRA certified instructor in many disciplines. My wife Wendy and I developed the Beyond Basics course at AVGC to offer NRA Basics of Pistol graduates the opportunity to utilize their new skills by shooting more with a one-on-one coach by their side. This also sets them up with confidence to attend matches and additional classes. I also help on the firing line for the Sheriff CCW Requalification process each month. I have had my CCW for years and really enjoy helping others reach their goal of personal self-defense through education and training.

I am a General Contractor with experience of building from the ground up and remodels. I have many years' experience in owning, running, and managing my own business, which I believe gives me the knowledge and experience to help as a director on the Board of Directors. I have saved the club money on various projects over the past few years and will continue to offer my expertise on any capital improvements to help the club prosper. Additionally, as a Director on the Board I revised the club's scholarship policy to give college bound scholars an opportunity to earn money for their education. I look forward to the additional opportunities that serving as a 2-year director for AVGC will offer. Thank you for your consideration.

-Bill Stephens

1-YEAR DIRECTOR NOMINEE:

Rod Ison



Hello AVGC club members, my name is Rodney Ison, and I am running for a one-year seat on the board of directors. I have been a member of AVGC since 2006 and for the last 5 years have been active as a NRA Basic Pistol Instructor, RSO, and volunteer for the Sheriff CCW Requalification Program, Women's and Men's Pistol Clinic, Community on Target, Adaptive Shooting Sports Program, and Junior Pistol. I also shoot in a few of the different competitive matches that the club offers. I have lived in the High Desert since I was 3 years old and attended Junior Rifle at the AVGC indoor range when I was 11 years old and have been shooting off and on since that time. I retired from the phone company after 30 years and look forward to the opportunity to serve for a one-year term as a Director. Thank you for your consideration.

-Rod Ison

SECRETARY NOMINEE:

Dina McKinney



Thank you for allowing me to serve on your Board of Directors since 2018. As it appears this is a lifetime appointment, I will keep this short and sweet. I love serving the people of this club and I take great pride in my work as your secretary. I spend countless hours volunteering for you and I am happy to continue to do so. I may not always get things right, but my heart is always in the right place. Thank you for your patience, kindness, and trust in me.

-Dina

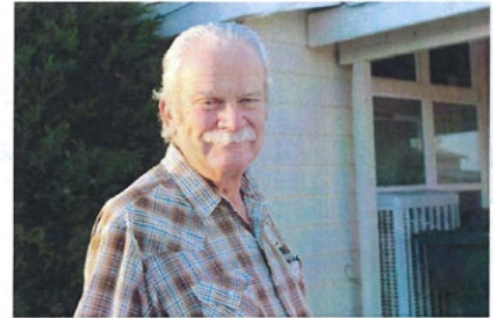
Junior Pistol Makes a Triumphant Return!

Youth programs at Apple Valley Gun Club took a hard hit with the passing of AB 2571. Following the advice of our lawyers, we effectively shut down our youth programs. What a devastating thing to happen to our kids! We had robust training programs to help teach children how to have the knowledge, skills, and attitude to be safe and responsible shooters. But the government forced us to shut our doors on the kids! Shame!! Thankfully, AB 160 modified the law, allowing for youth shooting sports. After months of rebuilding what was lost, and trying to get Junior Pistol running again, we finally found a volunteer up for the task! The Board appointed Don Martin to Chair the Junior Pistol Program. With the help of Dan Floyd, Ray Jameson, Dennis Ingram, Rod Ison, Rolando Garcia, Gary Menser, and a few others, Junior Pistol was up and running on November 1st! Way to go crew!! The following week, Don prepared a fun Thanksgiving themed shoot to kick off the season. Pumpkin pie targets were used and for every slice of pie hit, the student received that many slices of actual pie to eat! They washed their pie down with hot cocoa! What a fun and engaging way to kick off the program. Thank you to all the volunteers that come out to help teach the kids in our community, not only for the Junior Pistol program, but for Junior Rifle, Junior Trap, and SASP. The kids are our future, and YOU are helping shape them. We could not be prouder of the youth at our club and the youth in our community that choose to come to these programs to learn. The future is bright with you in it!



Tim Smith Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Ryan Hauser!

Congratulations Ryan, on accepting \$500 CASH at the November membership meeting, in honor of our dear friend, Tim Smith.



Timothy Smith

Timothy Smith was born on January 1, 1950, to Vince and Virginia Smith in Baldwin Park California. He was raised on a small farm in Chino, participated in 4-H, FFA, and Graduated from Chino High class of 1968. Tim married Gayle Forbes of Azusa in 1970. He and Gayle had two children, Christian and Brandon. Tim and the boys lost Gayle in 1979. Tim married Kathleen Abrams in 1980. Kathleen brought her two sons John and Lloyd into Tim's life. Tim raised the family in Pomona and moved to Helendale in 2006. Kathleen passed away in 2010. Tim enjoyed being a grandfather. He loved Morgan, Mekenna, Treston, Briar, Logan, and Justin with all his heart.

Tim was active in his community volunteering wherever he could. Tim was a Git-R-Done kind of guy. A do-er! A blue-collar American Patriot. If there was ever a need, Tim Smith tried everything he could to fill it. Tim was a Second-Generation NRA Golden Eagle Member. He was a Range Safety Officer, taught a variety of gun safety classes, and was a member of the NRA's Members Council in LA and San Bernardino Counties. He loved the Apple Valley Gun Club, and his Apple Valley Gun Club Family.

In addition to the Apple Valley Gun Club, Tim served on the Helendale Service District Board of Directors for nearly 10 years. His final term as Board President was in 2022. During his tenure, Tim had a hand in seeing several large community infrastructure projects through from concept to completion. Tim worked diligently with the board because he was committed to improving Helendale's livability for all residents and visitors.

On June 24, 2023, Tim passed away in his home surrounded by family. Tim Smith is now in heaven watching over us all.

Troop 357 Eagle Scout, Hunter McDaniel finishes Eagle Project on the Rifle Range!

The Eagle Scout Service Project is the opportunity for a Scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of their community. This is the culmination of the Scout's leadership training, and it requires a significant effort on his part. The project must benefit an organization other than the B.S.A., and it cannot be performed for an individual or a business or be commercial in nature. Completing an Eagle Project is a requirement for Scouts to attain the Eagle Scout rank.

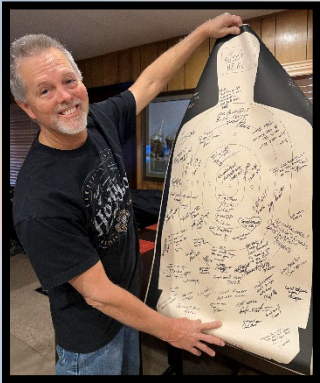
Congratulations Hunter and Thank You!



Please keep the following members in your hearts, thoughts, and prayers.

Bill Stephens

Bill went in for a procedure to put a stent in his carotid artery to clear an 80% blockage and encountered an uncommon complication. His vein collapsed around the stent and while it was corrected within 12 hours, a small clot broke off and went to his brain resulting in a stroke. He had a second surgery to repair the damage and was unresponsive afterwards. Within 3 days he has improved greatly-in part to the amazing team of doctors and nurses at their San Diego hospital, in part to the incredible strength and support from his wife Wendy, and finally, to the sheer determination and grit of Bill himself.



Bill and Wendy expressed their gratitude to the range family for their support.

Bill will need rehab for both physical issues as well as speech therapy as he works to get his speech back fully. If you would like to help Bill recover, a Go Fund Me page has been set up.

<https://gofund.me/15e0f22d>

Iver Bye

Iver was the victim of a brutal crime while attempting to rescue a dog from the street. While engaging in this act of heroism Iver was mercilessly beat by two unknown men. He was found in the street badly beaten by first responders, was incoherent, and had a brain bleed. Iver was in ICU at Loma Linda, then moved to ICU at Kaiser. He is now out of ICU, but not lucid. Iver is on a ventilator with a trachea tube. He is unable to communicate but can hold his wife's hand. Iver, who has practiced law for 43 years, is now unable to work and struggles to recover from the head trauma he suffered.



Iver handles the portion of of NRA courses that require an attorney to give instruction. If you would like to help Iver, a Go Fund Me page has been set up.

<https://gofund.me/dee3aa13>

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